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Public Safety Improves Commercial Driver License Services
CDL Services to be Extended to Cullman, Decatur following Hartselle Closing

The Department of Public Safety is paving the way to better services for commercial driver license applicants in north Alabama by consolidating CDL services in Cullman and Decatur, opening a new skills testing site, and closing the Hartselle CDL office.

Effective Wednesday, Jan. 24, CDL knowledge tests will be offered at the Cullman and Decatur Driver License offices, and a new CDL skills testing site will open at the Cullman Agriculture Center. The center is located at 17645 Highway 31 N. in Cullman. Also effective Jan. 24, the Hartselle Commercial Driver License Office at 22900 Highway 31 S. will be permanently closed.

According to Department of Public Safety Director Col. J. Christopher Murphy, incorporating CDL testing into driver license services available in Decatur and Cullman will provide better service to the state.

"These changes allow better use of existing driver license personnel, they enhance the efficiency of office operations, and they improve the overall quality of service to the public," said Murphy.

Murphy credited the Cullman County Commission for facilitating the improvements and thanked Cullman and Morgan counties for "working with Public Safety to improve driver license services."

CDL knowledge tests will be available at the Cullman Driver License Office in the Cullman County Courthouse, and at the Decatur Driver License Office in the Morgan County Courthouse. Commercial driver license applicants may schedule CDL skills tests at either location.

The Cullman Driver License Office is open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday; the office is closed from 12-12:30 p.m. for lunch. The Decatur office hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Additional information regarding CDL testing procedures may be obtained by contacting either the Cullman Driver License Office, (256) 775-4822, or Decatur Driver License Office, (256) 351-4665.

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